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NEWSLETTER

2006 DBE ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
NOW BEING PLANNED

We are starting to prepare for our Annual DBE Conference.....our conference this year will be held in the fall. We will have two great days full of valuable information!

While the conference is for all firms certified in the Montana DBE Program, those DBE firms from Montana and certified as “Highway Related” are especially encouraged to participate.

This is just one more valuable resource that is provided for you that should be taken advantage of!

Please check future newsletters for the latest updates on where, when, who and why.....

Can’t wait to see you all there!



Pictures from 2004 Conference!

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WAY TO GO!

Sletten Construction Co	30.80%
IM-STPHS 90-8(154)433 W Laurel Interchange	
AM Wells	6.00%
STPU 7409(2) H St. - Park to Butte - Livingston	

For MDT May 2006 Highway Construction Bid Letting, these contractors achieved DBE participation over the DBE program goal.

MDT DBE Goal Participation

FFY 2006 DBE Program Goal = 5.11%  
DBE Participation = 7.22%

# Quarterly DBE Informational Meeting

(Formerly MCA DBE Liaison Committee)

Knowledge  
is power,  
  
Power is  
knowledge...

In an effort to increase participation, involvement and to hopefully gain new ideas, we have made a few changes.....

For starters, we have changed the name. This is no longer a “committee” per se, but a meeting for all to participate in. The intention is make sure and include all interested parties who play a role in the MDT DBE Program and want to see it become a successful partnership for all involved!

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, July 20, 2006, immediately following the MDT Bid Letting.

The MDT DBE Program staff look forward to seeing you all there!

## MDT Highway Construction Projects Awarded May 03 & 25, 2006

DBE participation as shown on the Statement of Participation (SOP)

Project Number	Prime Contractor	Low \$ Bid Amount	DBE Participation	
			\$ Amount	%
IM-STPHS 90-8(154)433 W Laurel Interchange	Sletten Construction Co.	\$3,680,244.50	\$1,133,744.81	30.81%
STPU 7409(2) H St. - Park to Butte - Livingston	A M Welles, Inc.	\$1,160,100.00	\$69,614.40	6.00%
STPS 272-1(8)0 Deer Lodge - West	Jim Gilman Excavating, Inc.	\$107,283.30		
IM 94-2(32)63 Culvert Repair - West of Hysham Int	Four Beers, Inc	\$1,030,555.25	\$36,552.40	3.55%
Total of all Federal-aid Projects for May 3 & 25 MDT Bid Lettings		\$5,978,183.05	\$1,239,911.61	20.74%

## MT CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

To view more details on the following bid opportunities go to [ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php](http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php) and click on Details below each opportunity.

- ▶ The City of Billings, an Equal Opportunity Employer, requests proposals to provide engineering services to the Public Works Department/Engineering Division for the following public improvements: **Work Order 07-01, Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation**. All proposals must be submitted to the City Engineer, Public Works Department/Engineering Division, 510 North Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Billings, MT 59101, no later than close of business on June 16, 2006.
- ▶ **Sealed Bids entitled "Bid for AIP 27 - Security Access and Monitoring Upgrade for Billings Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana"**, will be received addressed to the City Clerk, of the City of Billings, 210 North 27th Street, Billings, Montana 59101, or P.O. Box 1178, Billings, Montana 59103 until 2:00 p.m., local time on Tuesday, June 13, 2006.
- ▶ **Sealed bids entitled Billings Logan International Airport, Passenger Loading Bridge Replacement**, City of Billings, will be received addressed to the City Clerk of Billings, Montana, at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 210 N. 27th Street, Billings, Montana 59101 or P.O. Box 1178, Billings, Montana 59103, and publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. local time, **Tuesday, June 13, 2006**, by the City of Billings, Montana.
- ▶ **Sealed bids entitled Airfield Concrete Ramp Joint Repair for Billings Logan International Airport**, Billings, Montana, will be received addressed to the City Clerk, of the City of Billings, 210 North 27th Street, Billings, Montana 59101, or P.O. Box 1178, Billings, Montana 59103 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2006.
- ▶ **Sealed bids, entitled W.O. 05-10: Stewart Park Trail – Billings**, Federal Aid No. STPE 1099(40), MDT CN 5290 , addressed to the City Clerk of the City of Billings, 210 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Billings, MT 59101, or P.O. Box 1178, Billings, MT 59103, will be received at the Office of the City Clerk in City Hall, 210 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Billings, MT, until 2:00 p.m. , on June 27, 2006, and then publicly opened and read thereafter

## MORE MT CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ Montana Department of Transportation—**Thompson Falls West Pavement Overlay & Chip Seal #307924**—go to <http://gsd.mt.gov/OSBS/Results.asp?List=All> for more details.
- ▶ **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHOTEAU AIRPORT FUEL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS TETON COUNTY, MONTANA A.I.P. 3-30-0015-005-2006** Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at Stelling Engineers Inc., 614 Park Drive South, Great Falls, MT 59405 for the Choteau Airport Fuel System Improvements project to include the following: Acquisition and installation of Avgas fuel system to include 15,000 gallon above ground fuel tank, fuel dispenser, credit card reader, and miscellaneous site improvements.  
<http://classifieds.gftribune.com/> click on [Legal](#) then click on [Legal Notices](#)
- ▶ Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 PM on June 22, 2006 and will be publicly opened and read aloud in the offices of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Design and Construction Bureau, 600 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601, for Spring Meadow Group Use Area and Parking Lot, FWP Project # 7056409  
<http://classifieds.gftribune.com/> click on [Legal](#) then click on [Legal Notices](#)
- ▶ **Stevensville Airport Snow Removal Equipment Building**, Bid Date: June 20, 2006 by 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ **Town of Cascade Phase I Water System Improvements**, Bid Date: June 20, 1006 by 4:00 p.m.

## INVITATION FOR BIDS LETTING ON JUNE 22, 2006

Sealed bids on the following projects will be received by the Montana Department of Transportation-Highways Division, Contract Plans Bureau, Room 101, 2701 Prospect, Helena, Montana until 9:00 a.m. on June 22, 2006 the bids being publicly opened and read thereafter at 10:00 a.m. in the Department's auditorium.

Bid proposals, plans, cross-sections, dirt runs & erosion control plans if available, and full instructions to bidders are on file for examination and may be obtained from the Contract Plans Bureau. These documents may be requested by FAX (406)444-7236, (see enclosed order form) by mail or by calling (406)444-6216, 6212, 6215 or TTY 444-7696. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contract goal for all projects listed below is **0.0%**.

### 1 SOUTH HELENA INTERCHANGE, NH-STPU-CM-MT-STPE 15-4(108)191

The South Helena Interchange project consists of construction of a new interchange, connecting ramps, traffic roundabout and frontage road improvements. Work includes grading, gravel surfacing, plant mix bituminous surfacing, seal and cover, portland cement concrete pavement, storm drain, retaining walls, sidewalk, curb and gutter, landscaping, lighting, and a new 56-meter concrete prestressed girder structure.

### 2 BRIDGE SKID TREATMENT – BUTTE, STPHS 15-2(89)124

Plant mix overlay, seal and cover and approach guardrail at four bridge locations to reduce skidding hazards on the Bridge Skid Treatment - Butte project in Silver Bow County.

### 3 AUGUSTA INTCH-HARDY CREEK, IM 15-4(118)229

Seal & cover and striping on the Augusta Intch-Hardy Creek project on I-15 in Lewis & Clark and Cascade Counties.

### 4 US 89 DAMAGE - NW OF BROWNING, ER 58-1(23)30

Reconstruction of approximately 0.5 kilometers due to a slide on the US 89 Damage - NW of Browning project. The project begins at RP 30.3 and extends northwest along US 89 to RP 30.7 in Glacier County within the Blackfeet Indian

### 5 2003-SIGNING-SO BARRETTS INTCH, STPHS 15-1(100)52

Signing on the 2003-Signing-South of Barretts Interchange project on I-15 in Beaverhead County.



# 10 Reasons

to love Montana small business,  
the heart of the state's economy.

Small businesses are the heart of Montana's economy. The Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small business Administration lists the top 10 reasons to love them:

**10** Small businesses make up 97.8 percent of all Montana employers.

**9** Small businesses create more than 50 percent of the American non-farm, private gross domestic product (GDP).

**8** Small patenting firms produce 13 to 14 times more patents per employee than large patenting firms.

**7** The 106,789 small businesses in Montana are located in every community and neighborhood.

**6** Small businesses employ 69.7 percent of Montana's non-farm, private-sector workers.

**5** Home-based businesses account for 53 percent of all small businesses.

**4** Small businesses are 97 percent of America's exporters and

produce 26 percent of all export value.

**3** Montana saw an estimated 4,588 new small firms with employees start-up in the last year measured.

**2** There are approximately 3,700 minority-owned businesses in Montana, and almost all of them are small businesses.

**1** The latest figures show that small business creates 65 percent or more of America's net new jobs.

*The Office of Advocacy, the "small business watchdog" of the government, examines the role and status of small business in the economy and independently represents the views of small business to federal agencies, the U.S. Congress and the president. It is the source for small business statistics presented in user-friendly formats and it funds research into small business issues. For more information, visit the Office of Advocacy Web site at [www.sba.gov/advo](http://www.sba.gov/advo).*

**Article from Western Business News ■ May 2006**

## DBE NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES

**Question:** When does the DBE Newsletter get published?

**Answer:** The goal is to publish the DBE Newsletter monthly within two (2) days after the Commission Award Date.

**Question:** When is the Commission Award Date?

**Answer:** It varies. See table on the right! Also out on MDT's website at [http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/contracting/bid\\_schedule.shtml](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/contracting/bid_schedule.shtml)

Advertisement Date	Bid Letting Date	Commission Award Date
December 29, 2005	January 26, 2006	February 6, 2006
January 26, 2006	February 23, 2006	March 6, 2006
March 2, 2006	March 30, 2006	April 10, 2006
March 30, 2006	April 27, 2006	May 8, 2006
April 27, 2006	May 25, 2006	June 5, 2006
May 25, 2006	June 22, 2006	July 3, 2006
June 22, 2006	July 20, 2006	July 31, 2006
July 20, 2006	August 17, 2006	August 28, 2006
August 24, 2006	September 21, 2006	October 2, 2006
October 5, 2006	November 2, 2006	November 13, 2006
November 9, 2006	December 7, 2006	December 18, 2006



## MONTANA DBE COMPANY MONTHLY UPDATE

### Newly Certified DBE Companies

Building Better Workplaces      Helena      MT      Planners (Tech/Prof) and other professional services.

### Re-Certified DBE Companies

None

### DBE Companies No Longer Certified

None



**Remember ..... It's summer and the critters  
are crossing the highways at random!**

**BE SAFE AND BUCKLE UP!**

## Motor Carrier Services Construction Guide



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### Memorandum

To: Interested Contractors  
From: DBE Supportive Services Office  
Date: June 9, 2006  
Subject: **Motor Carrier Services Construction Guide**

This guide provides information pertaining to project specifications and laws in regards to load restrictions, diesel fuel used on projects, permits, license, and taxes. If you would like a copy, please contact the DBE Supportive Services Office at 800-883-5811.

## DBE COMPANY — SPOTLIGHT

### AM Tech Services, LLC

Annell Fillinger opened AM Tech Services, LLC, fifteen years ago. Currently, Annell is the only employee of AM Tech Services. The majority of AM Tech Services work is involved with the NEPA/MEPA public involvement process in pre-design planning for highway projects. This usually involves working for engineering or environmental consulting companies, but occasionally working directly with Montana Department of Transportation (MDT).



AM Tech Services works throughout the state of Montana and is also certified as a DBE business in the states of Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, and Montana. Clients of AM Tech Services include federal government agencies such as Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service. The engineering firms of Carter Burgess, David Evans & Associates, Stelling Engineering, Morrison-Maierle, and Parsons Brinckerhoff regularly subcontract services from AM Tech Services. Most of the company's work is for MDT highway projects, federal highway projects, city and county improvement projects, and airport projects that require public involvement.

AM Tech Services organizes public meetings. This work entails arranging for the location, providing meeting refreshments, advertising the public meeting, and creating mailing lists to notify the public and government officials of project status and requests for input. At these public meetings, Annell sets up and mans a sign-in table, provides handouts to the attendees, informs them of how to give comments during the meeting, and makes the public as comfortable as possible to encourage their input and let them know that MDT is interested in their participation.

Annell helps to diffuse possible conflicts by having a pleasant attitude and bright smile and helping attendees get answers to

their questions. Annell records and transcribes the public meetings for a complete public record. Part of the National Environmental Policy Act requires public input where projects concern the public in the pre-design or design phases. She also works with technical advisory committees which includes bike clubs, state/county/city officials, and emergency services to get their input on these projects at a professional level for the engineering firm's consideration for project design.

Other services AM Tech Services provides:

1. Setting up and monitoring hotline telephone access for the public to call with their comments regarding the project.
2. Monitoring web sites for public comments, logging in those comments and forwarding them to project officials and MDT in a timely manner.
3. Liaison services that give the personal touch for engineering firms not located in Helena. Annell regularly hand delivers documents to MDT as a representative for various engineering firms and picks up documents from MDT for the firm she is representing. Annell sometimes copies project files for engineering firms and fills the distance gap to meet the needs of her customers.
4. Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) and other types of record and data searches as a certified paralegal.
5. Occasionally, Annell has also facilitated meetings in the past.

Annell's tip for business owners: Conduct your business with excellence. Go the extra mile and you will have return customers. Strive to have an excellent and professional manner. Annell gives the customer an excellent product and quick turn around time. She receives great recommendations from her customers – in fact, all of her business is currently from word of mouth – she does no advertising.

### AM Tech Services, LLC

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### Quote of the Month

“In the end, all business operations can be reduced to three words; people, product and profits.  
Unless you've got a good team, you can't do much with the other two”.

*Lee Iacocca*